

In the Claims:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Currently amended) A method of detecting expression of a human heparanase gene which comprises a polynucleotide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1~~diagnosing CLL or NHL~~ in a human individual suspected of suffering from a blood cancer, the method comprising monitoring an RNA expression of said human heparanase gene in white blood cells of said the individual, ~~wherein absence of said expression of heparanase indicates a positive CLL or NHL diagnosis.~~

Claims 4-10 (Canceled)